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Records of Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 8 month 21st. 1845.

The Clerk of this Meeting having declined to read an extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which was presented to him by a Committee, appointed by said Meeting, in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Women's Yearly Meeting, to visit our subordinate Meetings, as way might open for it, and as ability might be afforded; and under the direction of best wisdom to advise and assist those Meetings, in the transaction of their business according to discipline, and the good order of our Religious Society; and thereby identifying himself with those who have departed from the doctrines and discipline of our Religious Society, and who with others have separated themselves from us in a body, we have appointed George F. Read, to serve this Meeting, as Clerk for the time.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting— to wit—

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 15th to the 23d, inclusive of the sixth month, 1845—

During the consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the answers to the Queries, the minds of Friends were introduced into much exercise; and a proposition was made to appoint a Committee to unite with a similar Committee appointed by the womens Yearly Meeting to visit our subordinate Meetings as way may open for it, and ability is afforded, and under the direction of best wisdom to advise and assist those Meetings in the transaction of their business, according to discipline, and the good order of our Religious Society, laboring in that which giveth ability to build one another up in the most holy faith, which clothes with right authority in the church, and forms the true ground of unity—

Whereupon Nathan Page, Jonathan Nichols, Prince Gardner, Seth Davis, Benjamin Tucker, Hezekiah Swain, John Wilbur, Nathan Buffington, Job Eddy, Ethan Foster, George F. Read, Laban Paddock, William Hill, Thomas B. Gould, James Austin, Thomas K. Wilbur,

Oliver Chace, Israel Buffinton, Harvey Chace, Charles Perry, John Mitchell, Palmer Chase, Christy Davis, Othniel Foster, Thomas Foster, George M. Eddy, John T. Kenyon, William B. Oliver, Miller Chase, Thomas P. Nichols, Moses Mitchell, Amos C. Tilbur and Benoni Weaver were appointed to that service; and in order to promote the concern which has been felt and expressed, that all our Meetings may be duly held and supported, and that Friends may be availed of the needful assistance, under this peculiar and afflictive dispensation, it is concluded, to give our Quarterly Meetings liberty to change the time and place of holding them from what is now provided in our Discipline, if circumstances should appear to render such change necepary.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute; and they are requested to report such change, if any should be made, in their accounts to this Meeting, next year.

The Committee were also directed to report their proceedings at the same time.

Signed on behalf and by direction
of the Meeting aforesaid
Thomas B. Gould, Clerk

and several of the Friends therein named are acceptably with us, at this time.

This Meeting having been protracted an unusual length of time, on account of the refusal of the former Clerk to proceed in the business of the Meeting, while some of the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were present, it has not appeared profitable for us to proceed any further in our business, at the present time. We have therefore concluded to adjourn to meet at the house, called the Silsbee Street Chapel, at the ninth hour, to morrow morning. It being expected that our our house will be occupied by those who have separated from us, as they have adjourned to meet at the same hour.

8 month. 22d. 1845. Friends again met, according to adjournment.

Our belved friend, John Tilbur attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, held at East Greenwich, 8 month. 4th

1845— certifying that he is a minister in unity with Friends; and expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us. His company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying to us; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting; but as the Representatives from our several Monthly Meetings have identified themselves with those who have separated from us, the accounts from those Meetings, as well as the required answers to the queries have not been received by us.

Jonathan Nichols one of the Representatives appointed to attend our Yearly Meeting reports that he attended.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, to wit,—

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 15th. of the 6th month to the 23d. of the same inclusive, 1845—

The Friends appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, and for other purposes made the following report (to wit) which being read and accepted, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, in their usual proportions, and forward the same to Israel Buffington, who is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing, and the Clerk was directed to furnish those Meetings with the necessary information

Extracted from the minutes of said Meeting
Thomas B. Gould, Clerk.

and have appointed Jonathan Nichols, William B. Oliver and Valentine Meader to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, who has identified himself with those who have separated from us, and to report to our next Meeting.
They are also requested to consider of a sum suitable to be raised to defray the expenses of this Meeting, and to propose the name of a suitable Friend to act as Treasurer.

The same Friends are desired to call upon the former Clerk of this Meeting, and demand of him on our behalf, to deliver up to them, the books and papers, belonging to this Meeting.

We have appointed Nathan Page, William B. Oliver, Valentine Meader, Ezekiel Roberts and Jonathan Nichols to visit our subordinate Meetings; and under the direction of best wisdom to render them such advice and assistance, as way may open for, and circumstances may seem to require, in accordance with our Christian discipline, and report to our next Meeting.

Our business having been transacted at this time in much harmony and condescension of feeling, we have concluded, under a consideration of the trying circumstances, in which we are placed, to adjourn this Meeting to meet at Lynn, at the usual time, in the 10th. month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
George F. Read, Clerk for the time.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 10 month. 16th. 1845.

We have appointed George F. Read, as Clerk, and William B. Oliver, as assistant Clerk for the day.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as Representatives are Jonathan Nichols, William B. Oliver, David Buffum and Josiah Keene, whose names being called they were all present.
No accounts have been received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, nor from Weare Monthly Meeting, there being no Representatives present from those Meetings.

The Queries with the required answers from Salem Monthly have been read, at this time.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and for other purposes not being ready

to report are continued.

The Committee appointed to call upon the former Clerk, and to demand of him to deliver up to them the books and papers belonging to this Meeting, inform, that they have given some attention to their appointment, but not being ready to report, they are continued, and requested to report to our next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit our subordinate Meetings inform that they have paid some attention to their appointment, but not being ready to report they are continued, and encouraged to labor as way may open for it.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time, in the first month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
George F. Read, Clerk for the day.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 1mo. 15. 1846.
We have appointed George F. Read, as Clerk, and William B. Oliver, as assistant Clerk for the day.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the friends therein named as Representatives are Ezekiel Roberts, George F. Read, Josiah Keene, and David Buffum, whose names being called, they were all present. No accounts have been received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, nor from Weare Monthly Meeting, there being no Representatives present from those Meetings.

The Queries, with the required answers from Salem Monthly Meeting have been read at this time.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and for other purposes, not being ready to report are continued.

The Committee appointed to call upon the former Clerk, and to demand of him to deliver up to them the books and papers belonging to this Meeting,

not being ready to report, are continued, and requested to report to our next Meeting

Under a consideration of the trying circumstances in which we are placed, we have concluded to hold our next Quarterly Meeting at Lynn, instead of Seabrook.

Some of the members of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to visit our Subordinate Meetings being present with us at this time, with other Friends, their company has been acceptable to us.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the 5th month next

signed, on behalf of the Meeting,
George F. Read, Clerk for the day.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 5 mo. 28. 1846.

We have appointed George F. Read, as Clerk, and William B. Oliver, as assistant Clerk for the day.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are Jonathan Nichols, George F. Read and Jonathan Boyce, whose names being called, they were all present.
No accounts have been received at this time from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, nor from Vineyard Monthly Meeting, there being no representatives present from those Meetings.

The Queries with the following answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting have been read at this time; and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the same to the Meeting aforesaid, by our friends, William B. Oliver, George F. Read, Jonathan Nichols, David Buffum and Ezekiel Roberts, whom we appoint our representatives; and the Clerk is also directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, and forward them to the Yearly Meeting

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended to the usual hour, except our meeting for worship, omitted on account of the inclemency of the weather. The hour observed. Friends generally preserved from unbecoming behaviour, in few instances of sleeping in meeting.

Answer 2d. Love and unity in a good degree maintained, so far as Friends brethren among them pursue ordinary with Friends; and Christian forbearance exercised. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Answer 3d. We believe that those who remain with Friends generally exercise care in regard to the moral conduct of their children.

Answer 4th. Those who remain with Friends are clear in these respects.

Answer 5th. The several duties required by this query have been attended to by us as far as the boys circumstances under which we are placed would admit.

Answer 6th. No breach of this query has come to our knowledge.

Answer 7th. Clear in these respects.

Answer 8th. Those who remain with Friends are generally clear in these respects, although there has been a want of care on the part of some in timely inspecting their affairs.

Answer 9th. Our meetings having settled into the hands of those who have separated from us, Friends have not paid that attention to the subject, which they otherwise would have done.

Answer 10th. On account of the trying circumstances under which we are placed we have not opened for us to deal with offenders, or to place judgement according to the requisitions of this query.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, report for the purpose referred that a part of them have attended upon him agreeable to their appointment. He requested to withdraw & they then entered to examine and a settlement of them; and they have concluded to propose the name of Jonathan Peckett for Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, and to recommend the sum of Twenty Dollars towards defraying the expenses of the Quarterly Meeting, with which their meeting concurs. Jonathan Peckett is accordingly appointed Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year and is directed to pay the proportion of Each Monthly Meeting into the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to wait upon the former Clerk, and to demand of him on behalf of this Meeting to deliver up to them the books and papers belonging to the Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz -

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Lynn, the 20th. instant.

Agreeable to appointment, a part of the Committee have called on the former Clerk and demanded of him, on the behalf of the Meeting, to deliver up to us its books and papers; but he refused to deliver them up.

Jonathan Peckett
Wm. S. Flowers

which is accepted by us.

Information has been received at this time from Salem Monthly Meeting that they are united in proposing the name of Mary Pool for the station of our Clerk. She being present was informed by us of which with, and she is accordingly appointed to that station, the minute directing accordingly.

Some of the members of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to visit our subordinate meetings being present with us at this time, their company and counsel have been acceptable to us.

[illegible] purposing to meet again at [illegible] the 8th month next.

signed on behalf of the [illegible]
George F. Read. Clerk for the day.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] 8 mo. 26th. 1840.

An account received from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, therein represented as [illegible] Ezekiel Brown, George F. Read, Nicholas B. Stretch, Thomas Evans and James P. Boyce, whose names being called they were all present, the certificates have been received from their respective Monthly Meetings, and they are accordingly admitted present as Representatives of this Meeting.

The representatives informed, that a part of them have been together, and concluded to propose the name of George F. Read for clerk, and Nicholas B. Stretch as assistant clerk to this meeting, which being acceptable, they are accordingly appointed for three years, or the year ensuing.

Our beloved Friend John Talbot attended this Meeting with a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Burlington, dated the 26th of 6th month, 1840 certifying that he is a minister in unity with Friends, and expressive of their unity with him, in his prosecution of a religious visit amongst us. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries with the required answers [illegible] were read at this time.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting — viz —

At our Yearly Meeting held in New England, held on Rhode Island, by adjournment, from the 27th of the 6th month to the 1st of the same, inclusive 1806.

Upon a consideration of the state of society, it appeared to the concern of this meeting, that the Friends of Truth have been introduced into peace and tranquility, with respect to the dangers to which we were exposed, both during the late war, and since; which has been weightily impressed upon us in the present exercise of mind, to say unto you, as unto our forefathers, I say unto all, watch. — We have also renewed our concern that a spirit of humble dependence upon God may be cherished in the minds of those who have been favored with a growth in the truth, and that all may be encouraged to press forward in the way of righteousness, as it is the only safe way. —

The following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, by adjournment from the 20th to the 27th of the 5th month, 1806.

The epistles from the several yearly meetings in unity with us, have been received and read, and we have been favored to partake of the precious influence of that spirit which animates the hearts of the faithful, and which is the bond of peace and love to the children of God, wherever they may be scattered. We have been engaged to encourage each other to faithfulness and dedication of heart, that so these precepts may be enforced by our example, consistent with our high and holy profession, that we may be enabled like the primitive Christians to adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour in all things, and so from one generation to another, as successive standard bearers and testimony bearers, may be raised up who would be valiant for the truth in the earth, and others seeing their good works may be provoked by their labors and encouragement to glorify our Father which is in heaven, the ever-living, ever-loving and merciful Captain of the Lord's host — and thus coming to taste and see that the Lord is good; and that He is a rich rewarder of all them

that their living — may well be permitted, patiently and prepared to lay up for themselves treasures in Heaven.

The situation of those who are willingly scattered from within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, which have not been represented in this Meeting at this time, but who have nevertheless manifested their unbelief and allegiance to the Doctrines, testimonies and Discipline of the Society, although under very discouraging circumstances coming under consideration, this Meeting was favoured with a feeling near sympathy with them, and their cases were revised and expressed, for their encouragement and establishment in the Truth.

Under a sense of the true state of Truth in the different Preparative Meetings, it is concluded to extend to them the liberty heretofore granted them, to change the time and place of their Meetings if circumstances should appear to render it necessary, and they are requested to report such changes, if any should be made in their accounts to this Meeting next year. —

The Committee to whom the subject of a new apportionment of stock had been referred at a previous sitting, made the following report; to wit —
which being satisfactorily is accepted, and the Quarterly Meetings therein named are requested to forward their respective proportions; Three Hundred Dollars — The sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, to Stand Apportioned to the several Preparative Meetings.

Salem Quarterly Meeting proportion, being sixty per cent, is eighteen Dollars. —

That portion of our Discipline which requires that public meetings for worship be held at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, on the first day of the Quarterly Meeting week, is suspended until further action thereon by this Meeting and our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to have this conclusion appointed to their Code of Discipline.

Extracted by direction from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid, and signed on its behalf by
Thomas B. Wood Clerk

which has been read to our satisfaction.

Some of the members appointed by the Yearly Meeting to visit our subordinate Meetings, being present with us at this time their company was acceptable to us.

In conformity with the direction given by the Yearly Meeting, we have concluded to hold our next Quarterly Meeting in Salem instead of Plain.

The representatives appointed by this Meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting, inform that they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory excuse was given.

Nevertheless having arisen from not this our Quarterly Meeting in the 8th month as the 17th hour, we have concluded, in conformity with the direction given by the Yearly Meeting to meet on that day, at the 17th hour in that month; and the Clerk is directed to give our Monthly Meetings this information.

Having closed the minutes at this time, we conclude to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
George Fr. Pearson Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 10 mo. 15. 1846.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the friends therein named as representatives are Jonathan Boyce, George F. Read, William B. Cines and Lydia Richie, whose names being called, they were all present. No accounts have been received at this time from Weare Monthly Meeting nor from Ledrock Monthly Meeting, as heretofore.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Gould attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Portsmouth, 8 mo. 27. 1846, certifying that he is a minister in unity with Friends; and of presence of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us. His company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries with the required answers have been read at this time.

The subject of visiting our subordinate Meetings having been revived at this time, friends have been feelingly encouraged to dwell under the weight of the concern; and not to let the right time pass without attending to it.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude by purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time, in the 1st month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

George F. Read, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 1 month 21st 1847.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting the Friends therein named as representatives are, Ezekiel Roberts, Nathan Page, William B. Oliver and Jonathan Boyce, whose names being called, they were all present.

The Queries with the required answers have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend, Nathan Page, having spread before this meeting, a prospect of attending and appointing religious meetings among Friends and others, for the accomplishing of which a certificate was granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 1 mo. 14. 1847, this meeting is united therein; and the clerk is requested to furnish him with a copy of this minute, he being a minister in unity with us, and sign it on our behalf, in conjunction with the clerk of the womens meeting.

In conformity with the liberty granted us by the Yearly Meeting, we have concluded to hold our next Quarterly Meeting, at Lynn, instead of Seabrook.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 5th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

George F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting, held at Lynn, 5 month 27th. 1847.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting the Friends named therein, as representatives are Nathan Page, Ezekiel Rivers, Jonathan Nichols and William B. Oliver, who are all present.
No accounts have been received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting nor from Dover Monthly Meeting, in Newhampshire.

Our beloved friend, Nathan Page, presented at this time a copy of a minute, granted to him in this Meeting, in the 1st month last, together with a copy of an extract from the minutes of Berwick Monthly Meeting, held at South Berwick, 2 month 25th 1847 certifying that his ministry and religious services had been acceptable to them, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The Queries with the following minutes prepared for the Yearly Meeting have been read at this time; and the Clerk is requested to forward a copy thereof together with any necessary extracts from our minutes, to the meeting aforesaid by our friends, Jonathan Nichols, Nathan Page, Geo. F. Rice, Wm. B. Oliver and Daniel Bagley, whom we appoint our representatives.

Answer 1st. All our meetings have been attended and the usual absences by the greater part of those who remain with the Friends; but our Preparative meetings for business too much neglected by some. Clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Queries 3. Friends ~~[illegible]~~ are clear in these respects as far as appears.

4. No breach of this query has come to our knowledge.

5. The several requisitions of this query have been complied with, so far as circumstances would admit, and necessity seemed to require.

6. Clear in these respects.

7. No breach of this query has come to our knowledge.

8. Friends are careful in a good [illegible] to fulfill the requisitions of this query.

9. Care is taken in these respects

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders and to pass judgment, according to discipline.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed, having expired, a fresh choice is accordingly made for that office for one year, and is directed to pay over Dollars being our proportion of Loan in Treasurer Stock, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The same at this time directed the Clerk of this Meeting, to append to the books of Discipline, the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, viz. "That portion of our Discipline which requires that public meeting for worship be held at Portsmouth R.I. on the first day of the Yearly Meeting week, is suspended until further action thereon by this Meeting, and the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to have this Conclusion appended to their books of discipline."

The women Meeting informs that they have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the approval of the public appearances in the ministry & conduct, with which this Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to give information thereof to the select Quarterly Meeting and to the Yearly Meeting.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the appointed time in the 8 month next

Signed in behalf of the Meeting
Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 8 month 19th. 1847.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are George F. Read, Jonathan Archer, Jonathan Boyce, Nathan Page and William B. Oliver, who are all present. No other accounts have been received by us at this time, as heretofore.

The representatives inform that a part of them have been together, and were united in proposing the name of George F. Read, for Clerk, and that of William B. Oliver, for assistant Clerk to this Meeting, which being satisfactory, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

The Queries with the required answers have been read at this time.

We have received and read the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to transcribe that portion thereof, which contains the conclusion of the meeting aforesaid in relation to marriage, and forward it to Salem, Monthly Meeting.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th. of the sixth month to the 18th. of the same, inclusive, 1847.

Third day of the week - 15th. of the month.

It is concluded to extend for another year, the liberty heretofore granted to change the time and place of holding the several Quarterly Meetings - which are respectively requested to render an account of such change to this meeting next year.

The committee appointed at our sitting this morning, to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, and for other purposes, produced the following report, which has been read, and is acceptable to the meeting. Israel Buffington is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the present year or until another appointment; and the Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective proportions of two hundred and fifty Dollars - the sum concluded to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year.

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion is 15 dollars -

Fifth day of the week - 17th. of the month.

The committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings produced the following report - which has been read and accepted; and Fall-mouth, Smithfield, Wapsalbrough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings continuing to omit reporting their State to this meeting - the committee now under appointment is continued (with the exception of our Friend, Lubin Paddock deceased) and requested to extend care to these and other subordinate meetings, as desired by minute of last year, and to report to our next Yearly Meeting.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present, when cases occur of proposals for marriage by per-

sons residing without the limits of this Yearly Meeting or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no Separation, that a satisfactory certificate from sound Friends, who may reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting, or in the vicinity thereof, be received, in the same manner and for the same purpose as certificates have heretofore been received from Monthly Meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
Thomas B. Gould, Clerk.

We have also received at this time an epistle addressed to our last Yearly Meeting by our beloved friend, Esther Austin, which has been read to our comfort and satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to record it

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Dearly beloveds,

My soul breathes unto the fountain for your preservation in the unchangable truth, as well as for myself, that you may be ~~stenght~~ strengthened to hold on your way — give not back, for it is those that continue firm unto the end that shall receive the crown; even that crown that never can fade away. Keep all your meetings in the power of God, and witness that to be over all. Be not dismayed at the smallness of your number, although it be reduced as Gideon's of old; for he is an all-powerful Captain, who never was foiled in battle, nor beaten in the field, and who brings all off conquerors that faithfully follow Him. Those that are willing to suffer with him, and to be reproached for his name sake, when he reigns shall also reign with him; for where I am, he says, there shall also my servant be. The servant is not greater than his Lord, neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub how much more shall they call those of his household. Therefore take courage. May we abide in him the true and living vine, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me — for without me ye can do nothing.

And may we so abide in him, that we may enabled to discern all the stratagems of the enemy, in his

transformed appearances — that every thing may be removed that is not of his own begetting that has crept in amongst us, that the church may again stand forth in its ancient splendour, and be seen coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners, that there be no limiting of the Holy. Remember Gideons company was a small company, yet we see how the Lord did magnify his power and his mighty arm in putting the host of the Midianites to flight.

May the Lord vouchsafe of his living presence amongst you in this your annual assembly, that all may be done to his glory, and to the honor of his great name; — If any man speak, let him speak as the oracle of God, if any man minister, let him do it of the ability that God giveth. Finally, my Friends, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might put on the whole armour and take the sword of the spirit, that you may be enabled to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked: — so brethren your absent sister, though absent in body, yet present in spirit.

Esther Austin

Hatfield 6th. month 11th. 1847.

In conformity with the liberty granted to us by the Yearly Meeting, we have concluded to meet for the purpose of holding our next Quarterly Meeting, at Salem instead of Weare

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time, in the tenth month next.

signed on behalf of the Meeting

George W. Read, Clerk.

Extract of

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 10 month the 21. 1847.

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting the friends therein named as representatives are George F. Read, Nathan Page, Jonathan Boyce, Thilliard B. Olney and David Buffum, who are all present.

The Queries with the required answers have been read at this time.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

The appoint George F. Read David Buffum and William B. Olney, to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, and report a suitable Sum to defray the expense thereof for the ensuing year.

Having closed the business at this time, we adjourned, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time, in the first month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting held the 2nd day of the 1st month 1761

By reason of your Salem monthly Meeting for men Friends not named as representatives are Nathan Page, Ezekiel Roberts, William D. Howes and Jonathan Rose to be one also present.

All queries with the required answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read at this time.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting and find ready to report are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

In conformity with the liberty granted to us in the Yearly Meeting we have concluded to set for the purpose of holding our next Quarterly meeting at Salem instead of Salem

Then to set the bounds, we conclude to meet again at Salem at the usual place in the 5th month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting

At a [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem,
the 11th month 23rd 1848

By account received from Salem Monthly Meeting
[illegible] Samuel Bacon & Phebe B[illegible]
all present. [illegible]

The Queries and the answers thereto, for the Yearly Meeting have been read & as this Meeting, which we believe to be nearly descriptive of the state, as far as [illegible]
[illegible] Queries for this Meeting necessary
& proper to be [illegible] for the
Yearly, Jane [illegible], Thomas Chandler, Thomas
Carr, [illegible] Rebecca [illegible], who are appointed on
the present occasion.

Answer 1. All our Meetings for religious worship
and discipline have been attended; those in unity
with us, & the general [illegible] of such as have [illegible]
to maintain the ancient doctrines and testimonies
of our Religious Society, [illegible]
there is reason to fear are too much neglected by some,
but [illegible] pretty well observed by most. Plain
[illegible]

2d [illegible]
[illegible] arisen among us

3d. We believe there is a desire with Friends to
bring up their children [illegible]
[illegible] reading [illegible] both at home & from the corrupt
[illegible] of the world & to be exemplary [illegible]
[illegible] that pure [illegible] the holy Scriptures, are
[illegible]

4. [illegible] among us.

Answer 5th. Friends have

6th.

7th. We know of no violation of this Query by any who are in membership among us.

8th. We believe that Friends are concerned to comply with the requirements of Query.

9th. Some care has been taken in regard to recording marriages, births, deaths, & burials. There have been no

Offenders in some measure according to discipline; yet from the peculiar circumstances, in which Friends are placed as the Society seems to require, have endeavored to put according to discipline

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends,
held at Lynn 8 month 17th 1848

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting
the friends therein named as Representatives are
Nathan Parker, Geo. F. Read, James P. Boyce,
and David Buffum, who are all present.
No other accounts have been received at this time.
The Representatives inform that most of them
have been together, and were united in proposing
the name of George F. Read for Clerk, and
that of Wm. B. Oliver for assistant Clerk to this
Meeting, which being acceptable to us their
several commissions are presented & their services
yet required for the year.

We have received the following extracts from
the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz.--

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of
Friends in New England, held in Rhode
Island, by adjournments from the Eleventh
of the Sixth month to the 15th of the same
inclusive.

Second Day of the week, and 12th of the month.

During the consideration of the state of Society,
as brought into view by the answers of the Queries,
and the answers received from the subordinate branches,
the minds of concerned Friends were introduced into
a lively sense and travail of spirit for the
welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders.
Friends were exhorted to a diligent attendance
of our religious Meetings, and feelingly reminded
of the duty of retiring on that purpose from our
various avocations in the middle of the week,
under a sense of the preservation which would
thereby be experienced from too much attachment
to the things of this transitory world; as well
as the great advantage resulting from such a practice,
in preparing our minds, even in other occasions, for
the acceptable worship of Him who, mercifully
regardeth the willing sacrifice of a contrite heart.

The silent burden bearers, whose secret exercise
for the welfare of the Church are sensibly

...elt therein — the savor of their spirits being truly consoling & strengthening to the whole members of the body, who are called to labor, more publickly for the advancement of the Redeemers kingdom, were encouraged to faithfulness in their respective allotments of service, and to endeavor to maintain their standing as upright pillars in the Lords house, upon whom much weight & responsibility devolves, that so they may be favored to experience the fulfilment of the precious promise "him that overcometh will I make a Pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out;" and that the precious doctrines of the Gospel, with the testimonies ever maintained by the faithful amongst us, may continue to be supported as in former years to the Lords honour, and the cause of Truth & Righteousness be thereby promoted on the earth.

Third day morning, the 15th of the month. Under a consideration of the disagreeable circumstances to which the Society in this place are frequently subjected in consequence of the Use to which the right to hold our Religious meetings is applied, and desirous to extend the liberty heretofore granted to the several Societies of people called Friends, of meeting for the purpose of arranging matters for the ensuing year, or of transacting the business of the Society, as the circumstances may require it, this meeting is willing to change the times or places of assembling, they are left at liberty to do so, and are desired to report such change, if any, to this meeting next year.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting, to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts and for that purpose produce the [illegible] which has been examined and accepted. The propositions contained therein to raise three Hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting the coming year; and also the nomination of our Friend, Daniel Buffington as Treasurer, are approved, and he is accordingly appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the year ensuing, until another appointment be made. Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock. Our Quarterly Meetings proportion is 18 Dollars.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
By Thomas B. Gould Clerk

The Queries with the required answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read at this time.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude passing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
By Geo. F. Read, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 10 mo. 19. 1848

By accounts received from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are George H. Reed, Nathan Page, Jonathan Bryce & Wm. B. Oliver, who are all present. No other accounts have been received, as heretofore.

[illegible]

The Queries with the required answers to the 1st & 10th have been read by us, at this time.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting to suspend & change the time of commencing the Monthly Meetings of the Month next preceding the 11th from the 10th to the 11th hour in the forenoon, according to the usual usage of those meetings; which time is proposed to be the hour of commencing those meetings accordingly from the 10th to the 11th hour in the forenoon, and the Clerk is requested to give Salem Monthly Meeting information thereof.

Information has also been received by us that Salem Monthly Meeting is united with in the appointment of George H. Reed, to the station of an elder, with which this Meeting unites; and the Clerk is directed to give information thereof to the Select Quarterly Meeting to be held next from this.

Our beloved friend Thos. Redfield, the late friend of this Meeting having deceased, we appoint Daniel Buffum to give this meeting an account of the remainder of the year.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 1st month 18th. 1849

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the friends therein named as Representatives are David Buffum, Nathan Page & Geo. F. Read who are all present to-day.

The queries with the required answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read by this meeting.

Conformably to the Salem quarterly rules by the Yearly Meeting, we have concluded to meet for the purpose of holding the next Meeting at Salem instead of Scotch.

Our beloved friend John Hunt has [illegible] to visit his [illegible] mine [illegible] behalf [illegible] Meeting

Having accomplished our business, we conclude, purpose to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 5th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
by Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 4th mo. 24, 1849

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting the Friends therein named as Representatives are Nathan Page, George F. Read, James F. Wing & Wm. B. Almer who are present

The Queries with the following answers have been read for the Yearly Meeting. Since last quarterly meeting we have received from our Monthly Meeting the Clerk an epistle addressed to the Yearly Meeting which we have forwarded by Nathan Page & Wm. B. Almer who were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting

All our Monthly Meetings have been attended; those on [illegible] & generally those in the [illegible]

No. 20. Love & unity are preserved well maintained among us; and we believe that detraction is greatly

no violation of any part of this

10. Owing to the peculiar circumstances in which we

directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, the sum of Eighteen Dollars being two proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock

There being no further business we conclude, and adjourn to meet at Salem, at the usual time on the 8th month next.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 8th month 16th. 1849

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as Representatives are George F. Read, Nathan Page, Wm. B. Oliver, Caleb G. Lee & Jonathan Boyce who are all present.

Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informed us, that they had conferred together and united in proposing the name of Isaac F. Read for Clerk and that of Wm. B. Oliver for assistant Clerk at this meeting, which being acceptable to us, they are accordingly appointed to fill said offices respectively for the year, or until another appointment.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting 1822

At our Yearly Meeting held for New England held on Rhode Island, by adjournments, from the 10th of the sixth month to the 15th of the same month, 1849.

This being the second day of the week and 12th of the month.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine & settle the Treasurers accounts, and for other purposes, produced a report, which has been read and accepted at this time; and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of Four Hundred Dollars the sum proposed to be raised the present year to Daniel Buffington, who in accordance with a proposition contained in the Report, is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting

for the ensuing year or until another appointment.
Salem Quarterly Meeting proposing Stock, viz. 6¢
per cent is twenty four Dollars.

Extracted from the minutes
By Thomas B. Gould Clerk
to the Meeting, this year

The queries with the required answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th have been read by us, at this time.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

There being no further business, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 10th month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
By George F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, 10mo. 18. 1849.

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as Representatives are George F. Read, Thos. B. Gould, Jonathan Boyce & Nathan Page who are all present.

The queries with the required answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th have been read by us at this time.

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired, David Buffum is reappointed to that service for one year or until another appointment

There being no further business we conclude purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the first month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
By George F. Read, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, 1st mo. 17. 1850

By adjournment from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are Nathan Page, John H. Cone, Ezekiel Robert & Wm. B. Pike who are all present

The queries with the required answers have been read for us at this time.

Our beloved Friend Mary S. Barney attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick Mo. Mtg. Friends held at Berwick 10 mo. 27. 1849, certifying that she is a member in unity with them, and expressing their unity with her prospect of a religious engagement amongst us. Her company & gospel labors, have been edifying and instructive & Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of this minute when her service is accomplished

There being no further business, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 2d month next.

Signed in behalf of the meeting
By Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 5 mo. 23. 1850

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting the Friends therein named as representatives are David [illegible], Nathan Page, Ezekiel Roberts & Jonathan Boyce, who are all present

The Queries with the following answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting have been read by us at this time and the Clerk is requested to forward a copy of the same together with an necessary extracts to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends, David Buffum, George H. Read, Wm. B. Oliver and Nathan Page, whom we appoint our representatives

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended both on first days, and in the middle of the week, by the greater part of our Members; yet there is too much negligence manifested by some in this respect particularly in the attendance of our meetings in the middle of the week. The hour is pretty well observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed, except an occasional appearance of drowsiness in a few.

2 d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us; and detraction is guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3 d. We believe Friends are desirous to bring up those under their direction, in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are helpful [illegible] themselves. Yet we fear that sufficient care is not exercised in these respects by all our members.

4. We know of no violation of any part of this Query.

5. Friends have been careful to comply with the several requisitions of this query, as far as circumstances would admit.

6. Clear in these particulars, except one instance of marrying out, which is under notice.

7. We know of no violation of our testimonies, in these respects.

8. We believe, Friends are generally careful to perform the several duties enjoined in this query.

9. Care has been taken in regard to removals. There have been no removals without certificates.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders, but not so timely and promptly, as would be best. Judgment has been placed, when necessary, according to discipline.

Our beloved Friend, Thomas Varney having accomplished her service amongst us, the Clerk is requested to furnish her with a copy of the minute made in her behalf at our last Quarterly Meeting, and sign the same on our behalf, in conjunction with the Clerk of that women's meeting.

Our treasurer is directed to pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting twenty four Dollars, being our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

There being no further business, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lisbon, at the usual time the 5th & 6th months next.

Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 8 mo. 15. 1850.

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are David Buffum, Nathan Page, Jonathan Boyce & Wm. B. Flint who are all present.

Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives informs that they have been together, and were united in proposing the name of George F. Read for clerk, and that Valentine Meader for assistant clerk to this meeting; which being acceptable to us, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively, for one year, or until another appointment.

The queries with the required answers to the 1st 2d & 3d. have been read by us at this time.

The representatives to our last yearly meeting, inform that they all attended.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments, from the sixth month, to the 19th of the same, inclusive, 1850.

Third day of the week — and eighteenth of the month.

The committee appointed yesterday morning, to examine & settle the Treasurers accounts, and to nominate a Treasurer, produced the following report, which was read & accepted. Isaac Buffum was accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for one year, or until another appointment; and the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of Three Hundred Dollars, the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this Meeting the present year; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

Salem Quarterly Meetings proportion being six per cent is Eighteen Dollars—

Extracted from the Minutes
by Thos. B. Gould, Clerk
to the Meeting, this year.

our business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 1st month next.

George F. Read, Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 10mo 17. 1850

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as Representatives are Nathan Page, David Buffum, Jonathan Boyce & Thos. B. Gould who are all present.

The Queries with the required answers to the 1st & 10th. have been read by us at this time.

The time for which the Trustees of this Meeting was appointed, having expired, David Buffum is appointed to that Service for one year, or until another appointment.

Our business being finished, we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 1st. Month next.

George F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1mo 16. 1851.

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting, the Friends therein named as Representatives are [illegible] Read, David Buffum, Wm. B. Hacker and Samuel Comstock who are [illegible]

The queries with the required answers to the [illegible] have been read by us at this time.

The business being accomplished, we conclude forwarding to next quarterly Meeting at the usual time in the 4th month next

Geo. F. Read Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] 22. 1851.

By accounts from Salem Monthly Meeting the Friends therein named as Representatives are David Buffum, Nathaniel Page Valentine Hacker and Jonathan Peirce who are all present

The queries with the printed answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting have been read by us at this time, a copy of which is herewith, descriptive of our state, together with an Epistle to our brethren which is directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Friends Wm. B. Hacker, Nathaniel Page David Buffum & Geo. F. Read, whom we appoint our representatives.

Answer 1st. Our meetings on the Lord's day of late have been [illegible] by [illegible] in number. The [illegible] with us [illegible] our discipline are too much neglected by a [illegible] of watchfulness & prayer in the exercise of [illegible] gifts.

Answer 2d. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Friend

The situation in which this meeting was placed by the separation which has taken place therein, having been introduced at this time, and deliberately considered we are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that this and Salem Quarterly Meeting be joined together, and to the title of Salem and Lower Quarterly Meeting of Friends, and that it be held at North Berwick on the 4th 5th Day of the eighth and first months; at Salem, the 4th 5th day of the 9th month, and at Lynn, the 4th 5th day of the 10th month, having the concurrence of the womens Meeting therein.

Jno Hale and Timothy Varney are appointed to attend Salem Quarterly Meeting, and present to that Meeting a copy of the Minute for its consideration

& be [illegible] from the minutes of Lower Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 24th of 6th mo 1827 by direction thereof

Josiah Hussey, Clerk.

Which having been deliberately considered by us ~~united with~~ the subject therein mentioned is united with and we accordingly conclude to propose to the yearly Meeting, the propriety of uniting the two Quarterly Meetings together, under the title of Salem & Lower Quarterly Meeting of Friends, to be held on the 4th 5th day of the month in the 1st & eighth months at North Berwick, on the 5th Month at Salem, and in the 10th month at Lynn.

There being no further business we conclude, purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the eighth month next

Geo. F. Read, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn &c.
21. 1851

By accounts from Salem [illegible] Meeting, the Friends therein named as representatives are Geo. F. Read, Wm. S. Stevens, James P. Boyce & [illegible] are who are present.

The time for which the [illegible] assistant Clerk to this Meeting was appointed having expired, we appoint George F. Read Clerk and Valentine Nealey assistant Clerk for the ensuing.

The queries with the required answers to the 18th & 20th have been read by us at this time.

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read by us at this time to wit—

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport in Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1851.

3 Day of the week & 17th of the mo

The Committee appointed yesterday morning to examine & settle the Treasurers account & nominate a Treasurer, have produced the following report— which is satisfactory, and Israel Bu[illegible] is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him, their respective proportions, of three hundred dollars: the sum named in the report, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

Salem Quarterly Meeting's proportion being six per ct. is eighteen Dollars.

4th Day of the week & 18th of the month
The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to take into consideration the proposition from Salem & Dover, to unite those meetings, so as to constitute one Quarterly Meeting have produced the following report.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.
The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the proposition contained in the accounts from Salem & Dover

Quarterly Meetings having met for the purpose were united in judgement, that it would be proper to grant their request— which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the committee

Newport 6 mo. 17. 1854

Nathan Tiffentin

Mary Ann Baker

which being deliberately & weightily considered is satisfactory, and those meetings are accordingly united under the name of Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, to be held as follows; on the 4th 5th days of the eighth and first months at North Berwick, on the 4th 5th days in the 3th mo at Salem, and on the 4th 5th Days in the 10 month at Lynn, and this Meeting directs that the junction of the two meetings take place in the 10th month next at Lynn; and the Clerk is directed to furnish these meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes by

Peleg Mitchell

Clerk to the Meeting this Year

which are satisfactory to us, and Salem Monthly Meeting is directed hereafter to appoint its representatives for and send its accounts to Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting; to be held at the time & place specified in said extracts, the women's meeting ~~[illegible]~~ and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute

Our Treasurer is directed to pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, when in unity.

There being no further business we conclude ~~[illegible]~~ to meet again at Lynn on the 4th 5th day of the 10th month next ~~[illegible]~~ in conjunction with Friends of Dover Quarterly Meeting under the title of Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

(Geo.) F. Read

Clerk to the Day.